

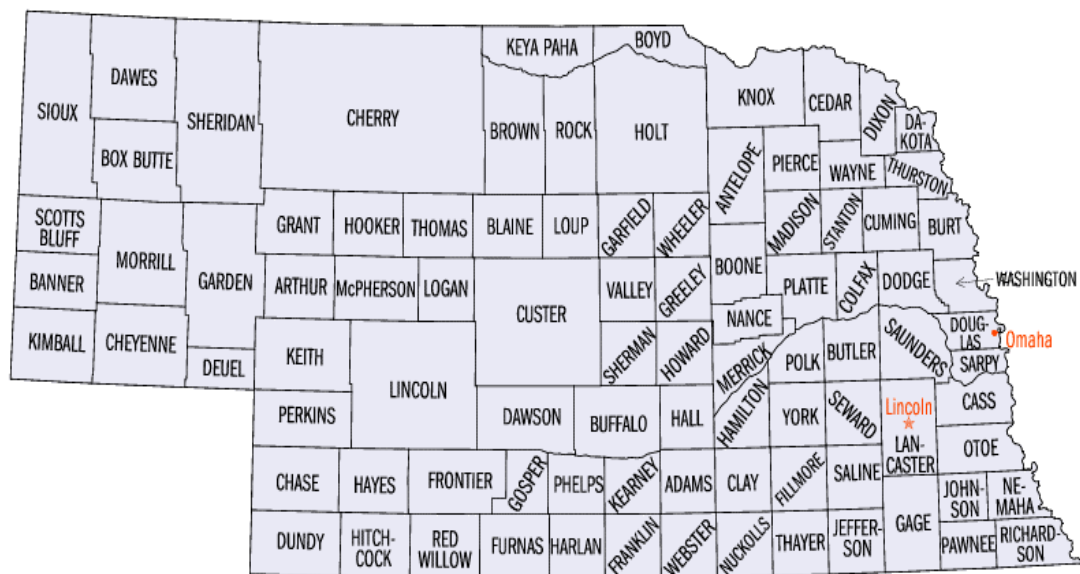
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Omaha, Nebraska

Profile of Drug Indicators

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Omaha, Nebraska

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 390,007
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 75.4% white; 13.2% black/African American; 0.6% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.7% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 1.5% two or more races; 7.5% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- Omaha is located in Douglas County.

Politics

- Mayor: Mike Fahey²
- City Council Members (District 1-7, respectively): Marc Kraft, Frank Brown, James Vokal, Jr., Garry Gernandt, Dan Welch, Franklin Thompson (Council Vice President), Chuck Sigerson, Jr. (Council President)³
- Chief of Police: Donald Carey⁴
- Douglas County Sheriff: Timothy Dunning⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁶
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA addresses the problems of methamphetamine use, production, and trafficking in a six-state region consisting of counties in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, including Douglas County.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
From FY 1998 to FY 2002, only one coalition in Omaha has received funding through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. In FY 1999, Westside Community Schools/Omaha Community Partnership received \$96,016.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁸
Omaha is the only site in Nebraska that has been officially recognized as a Federal Weed and Seed site.
- FY 2001 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Grant amount received in Omaha:⁹
 - Center for Mental Health Services:
 - \$199,450 to the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Project period: 9/30/00-8/31/02.
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:
 - No Omaha grantees
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment:
 - No Omaha grantees

- There were no Omaha recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.¹⁰
- There were no Omaha recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹¹
- There were no Omaha recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grants.¹²

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January to October 2002, there were 644 felony arrests in Omaha that involved methamphetamine. This is a 55% increase over the 415 methamphetamine-related felony arrests in Omaha from January to October 2001.¹³

Number of Felony Drug Arrests, Omaha, January-October 2001 and 2002

Drug Type	Jan.-Oct. 2001	Jan.-Oct. 2002	% Change
Cocaine	88	115	+31%
Crack	272	253	-7
Ecstasy	not available	9	not calculated
Marijuana	63	86	+37
Methamphetamine	415	644	+55
Heroin	3	2	-33
LSD	8	0	-100
Other	25	35	+40
Total felony drug arrests	889	1,148	+29

- From January to October 2002, there were 3,684 total arrests for drug violations in Omaha.¹⁴

Number of Arrests, Select Offenses, Omaha, January-October 2002

Offenses	Arrests
Murder/manslaughter	20
Death by negligence	5
Forcible rape	44
Robbery	169
Aggravated assault	197
Burglary	210
Larceny-theft	3,560
Motor vehicle theft	148
Drug abuse violations	3,684
Driving under the influence	2,917
Liquor law violations	2,504

- There were 22,696 Part I offenses known to the Omaha Police from January to October 2002.¹⁵

Number of Part One Offenses Known to Police, Omaha, Jan.-Oct.2002

Offense Type	# of Offenses Known to Police
Criminal homicide	20
Forcible rape	144
Robbery	832
Burglary	2,662
Larceny-theft	15,465
Motor vehicle theft	3,573
Total Part I offenses	22,696

- Data collected from Omaha adult arrestees in 2001 indicate that 69.1% of adult male and 64.1% of adult female arrestees tested positive for an illegal drug at arrest.¹⁶

Percent of Adult Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs, Omaha, 2001

Drug Type	Males	Females
Cocaine	20.3%	28.2%
Opiates	3.4	7.7
Marijuana	55.8	35.9
Methamphetamine	15.6	10.3
PCP	0.0	0.0
Any of the above drugs	69.1	64.1
Multiple drugs	22.6	15.4

- Over fifty percent (55.1%) of adult male arrestees reported using marijuana in the past year. Among the male arrestees who reported past year use of marijuana, the average number of days the substance was used in the past month was 12.1 days.¹⁷

Past Drug Use, Adult Male Arrestees, Omaha, 2001

Use	Crack Cocaine	Powder Cocaine	Marijuana	Meth-amphet.	Opiates
Past 7 days	7.8%	2.3%	45.6%	12.5%	0.3%
Past 30 days	9.1%	3.8%	48.6%	14.5%	0.3%
Past year	10.7%	6.7%	55.1%	16.5%	0.9%
Avg. # of days used in month	8.8	3.6	12.1	11.4	17.3

- Approximately 43% of adult female arrestees reported using marijuana in the past year. They used the substance an average of 11 days within the past month.¹⁸

Past Drug Use, Adult Female Arrestees, Omaha, 2001

Use	Crack Cocaine	Powder Cocaine	Marijuana	Meth-amphet.	Opiates
Past 7 days	17.0%	1.9%	10.5%	7.5%	0.0%
Past 30 days	17.0%	1.9%	39.6%	9.4%	1.9%
Past year	17.0%	7.5%	43.4%	11.3%	1.9%
Avg. # of days used in month	11.1	12.0	11.0	3.4	20.8

- In Omaha during 1999, 61.5% of the 449 male arrestees sampled and 62.2% of the 90 female arrestees sampled tested positive for drug use at the time of their arrest.¹⁹
- 94.7% of the females arrested for drug offenses tested positive for drug use.²⁰

Percent Positive for Drugs, by Drug and Offense Type, Omaha, 1999

Offense Type	Cocaine		Marijuana		Meth.		Any Drug	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Violent	20.8	13.3	50.9	46.7	6.9	0.0	57.9	60.0
Property	27.7	40.9	49.2	40.9	6.2	9.1	63.1	68.2
Drug	38.2	57.9	61.8	52.6	18.2	31.6	78.2	94.7
Sales	42.9	--	85.7	--	28.6	--	85.7	--
Possession	39.2	57.9	60.8	52.6	17.6	31.6	78.4	94.7
Other	18.6	28.6	53.0	23.8	7.7	7.1	62.3	50.0

Drugs

- Heroin is available in small amounts in Omaha.²¹

Enforcement

- Midwest HIDTA Initiative in the Omaha area:²²
 - Metro Task Force: Officers in this task force provide direct support to the anti-methamphetamine effort in Omaha by improving enforcement capabilities.
- As of October 2002, the Omaha Police Department was made up of 693 sworn and 174 non-sworn personnel.²³

Trafficking and Seizures

- From January to October 2002, the Omaha Police Department seized nearly 600,000 grams of marijuana.²⁴

Amount of Drugs Seized, Omaha Police Department, Jan.-Oct. 2001 and 2002

Drug Type	Jan-Oct. 2001	Jan-Oct. 2002	% Change
Cocaine (grams)	23,707	53,413	+125%
Crack (grams)	3,196	1,351	-58
Ecstasy	not available	772	not calculated
Marijuana (grams)	254,333	596,612	+135
Metham. (grams)	29,613	49,345	+67
Heroin (grams)	6	5,903	+98,283
LSD (dosage units)	142	0	-100

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁵

As of January 2003, there was one drug court that has been operating for more than two years and one drug court that was recently implemented in Omaha. No additional drug courts were being planned in Omaha.

Consequences of Use

- During 2000, medical examiners (ME) in the Omaha area reported 62 drug abuse deaths. Marijuana was mentioned in 18 of the deaths.²⁶

Number of Drug Mentions Reported by ME, Omaha Area*, 1996-2000

Drug Type	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Alcohol-in-combination	10	20	15	16	18
Cocaine	10	9	14	4	11
Heroin/morphine	2	3	3	2	2
Marijuana	11	18	12	16	18
Amphetamines	3	4	5	3	7
Methamphetamine	3	7	5	3	7
Club drugs	--	--	--	--	--
Hallucinogens	--	--	--	--	--
Inhalants	--	--	1	--	--
Narcotic analgesics	11	13	21	13	33
Other analgesics	9	8	8	8	12
Benzodiazepines	3	6	14	8	11
Antidepressants	22	14	12	18	17
All other substances	18	9	29	18	39
Total drug deaths	38	45	44	42	62
Total drug mentions	102	111	139	109	175

* From 1996-1999, Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington County in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa all provided data to DAWN. In 2000, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington County were the only areas that provided data.

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